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Sir

After receipt of the Notice of Allowance, it was noticed that the executed declaration submitted on January 4, 2007 did not identify the citizenship of the second inventor Mr. Erich STUHLBACHER. Further, the undersigned has been informed that Mr. Erich STUHLBACHER passed away in October 2010. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith a partially executed supplemental declaration signed by Dr. Peter KONRADT as representative for inventor Erich STUHLBACHER (deceased) to correct the deficiencies in the earlier submitted declaration.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is properly executed and should be considered as filed in executed form.

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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